

McArthur Ridge
ALEXANDRA - CENTRAL OTAGO



BRASSKNOCKER

Central Otago | Pinot Noir | 2022



geographic indication: Alexandra – Central Otago

topography: Rolling Glacial Moraines

aspect: Northeast

rainfall: 360mm

soils: Brassknocker Alluvial Gravels

altitude: 200-300 meters

country: New Zealand

grape: 100% PINOT NOIR

vintage: 2020

time in oak: tank fermented, 50% oak aged for 9 months, seasoned French oak.

type of oak: 10% new, remainder with staves in tank.

Alc/Vol: 14.0%

TA: 6.4 g/L

pH: 3.7

name: Brassknocker is the name given to the unique soils found at the McArthur Ridge vineyard which is sited on expansive ancient glacial moraine terraces in Alexandra Central Otago.

winemaking: 100% destemmed, 5 day cold soak to build colour and flavour intensity. The wine was fermented in larger sized fermenters ranging from 5 tonne to 10 tonne. Fermentation took place using wild yeast for some cuvee and others were inoculated with selected burgundy yeast to enhance clonal differences in the fruit. On average fermentation lasted 21 days before being pressed, allowed to settle for 24 hrs before being racked to barrels and tanks. Malolactic fermentation occurred straight away. The wine was blended in Late October and filtered before being bottled. Lightly oaked style that shows good fruit character and freshness in style. The clonal selection is wide which adds complexity but made in a drink now style.

vineyard: Located in the heart of this unforgiving mountainous region Central Otago sits the expansive vineyard of McArthur Ridge. The cool climate and gently sloping Brassknocker soils combine to deliver what some consider to be amongst the best vineyards in the world for growing Pinot Noir. Optimal vineyard management and attention to detail allowed the grapes to be harvested at a time when the flavour profiles were at their maximum potential.

wine: Richly aromatic and complex, showing floral, ripe cherry, oak spice, and mocha notes on the nose. The palate is succulent with rich red berry notes and fine tannins. The wine is supported by fine acidity and finishes with a long and balanced persistency.

We expect this wine to reward careful cellaring for another 5-7 years.

awards: **New Zealand International Wine Awards 2023 - SILVER**